

REMARKS

Claims 15 through 31 are pending in this Divisional Application. **Claims 1 - 8** to an Apparatus (i.e. Group I) were canceled on the filing of this Divisional Application because they were elected with traverse for prosecution on the merits in response to a Restriction Requirement, mailed on **11 March 2003**, in the Parent Application Serial No.: **10/042,927**.

Moreover, Non-Elected **Claims 9 - 14** to a Process (i.e. Group II) were withdrawn from consideration in the above mentioned response to the Restriction Requirement. Additionally, Non-Elected **Claims 15 - 31** to an Apparatus (i.e. Group III) were also withdrawn from consideration in the above mentioned response to the Restriction Requirement.

Accordingly, **Claims 1 - 14** are herein Canceled by this Preliminary Amendment and **Claims 15 - 31** are now pending in this Divisional Application.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE FEES DUE TO THE HP PTO DEPOSIT

ACCOUNT #: 08-2025

Accordingly, **Claims 15 through 31**, are submitted herewith for examination on the merits in this Divisional Application. Applicant hereby authorizes any fees due to be charged to the HP PTO Deposit Account Number: 08-2025.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant considers each of the claims presently in this Divisional Application to be distinct over the prior art of record and therefore in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the claims be allowed and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance such that the present application may timely issue as a U.S. patent.

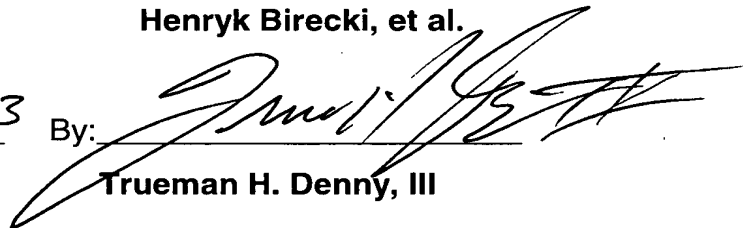
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